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1. THIS CABLE IS SENT FYI. REF (A) RAISES QUESTION OF DERIVATION OF AIDE- MEMOIRE U. S. HAS PURPORTED CIRCULATED TO CERTAIN LATIN AMERICAN STATES, LOS DELEGATIONS, OR REPRESENTATIVES. THE USG HAS NOT RPT NOT EITHER IN WASHINGTON, IN NEW YORK AT SEABED COMMITTEE MEETING OR THROUGH EMBASSIES CIRCULATED AN AIDE- MEMOIRE ON LOS TO ANY LATIN AMERICANS THIS YEAR. NEVERTHELESS, AS EMBASSY QUITO HAS SURMISED, IT IS LIKELY THAT AIDE- MEMOIRE IN QUESTION MAY HAVE BEEN PRESENTED AS FOLLOW- UP IN CONNECTION WITH REF (B).

2. AS EMBASSIES AWARE, BROAD TERRITORIAL SEA CLAIMS ARE CONTRARY TO BASIC U. S. SECURITY NEEDS AND LOS OBJECTIVES. THERE IS A VITAL DISTINCTION BETWEEN POSITION OF SANTO DOMINGO (PATRIMONIAL SEA) AND MONTEVIDEO (TERRITORIAL SEA) GROUPS AND THERE ARE WITHIN THE MONTEVIDEO GROUP SOME COUNTRIES WHICH IN TERMS OF CONTENT OF THEIR LOS POSITION

ARE FRANKLY PATRIMONIALISTS. (SEE PARAS 1 AND 2 REF (B)). CONSEQUENTLY, IT IS OUR STRATEGY, WITHOUT ENDORSING SANTO DOMINGO DECLARATION, TO TRY INDIRECTLY TO MAXIMIZE SUPPORT FOR THE PATRIMONIALISTS WHEREVER THEY ARE WITHIN LATIN AMERICA AND ISOLATE THE TERRITORIALISTS OF THE MONTEVIDEO GROUP. OUR OBJECTIVE IS TO WORK FOR ACCOMMODATION OF INTERESTS WITH MODERATE LATINS WHICH WILL PROTECT OUR LOS OBJECTIVES.

3. APPROACH BY BRAZILIAN AMBASSADOR DESCRIBED REF (A) WOULD SEEM TO INDICATE THAT LATIN AMERICAN TERRITORIALISTS ARE BEGINNING TO FEEL EFFECTS OF OUR STRATEGY AND THAT BRAZIL IN PARTICULAR IS FEELING ISOLATED AND UNCOMFORTABLE. THIS ESTIMATE IS SUPPORTED BY OUR ACTIVITIES IN OTHER FORUMS AND WHAT WE KNOW OF CEP MEETINGS CONVENED APPARENTLY TO TRY TO HOLD THE LINE AGAINST THE BLANDISHMENTS OF THE PATRIMONIALISTS. UNDERTAKING DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVES TO ADVANCE U. S. OBJECTIVES ON ISSUES ON WHICH WE HAVE DIFFERENCES OF VIEW IS NOT IN OUR OPINION, INCONSISTENT WITH MAINTENANCE AND EXPANSION OF A CLOSE U. S.- BRAZILIAN RELATIONSHIP, OR, INDEED OUR RELATIONS WITH ANYONE ELSE. U. S. HAS MADE IT CLEAR THAT OUR LOS POSITIONS REFLECT FUNDAMENTAL U. S. INTERESTS AND WE THINK IT WOULD BE MORE SURPRISING IF OTHERS NOTICE WE WERE NOT ADVANCING THOSE

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INTERESTS AS BEST WE COULD.

4. CONSEQUENTLY, WE CANNOT DO ANYTHING THAT WILL REASSURE BRAZILIANS AND OTHERS EXCEPT TO SAY THAT WHAT WE ARE ENGAGED IN IS A PERFECTLY STRAIGHTFORWARD POLICY OF ADVANCING U. S. LOS INTERESTS THROUGH TRADITIONAL DIPLOMATIC MEANS. WE ASSUME THEY ARE DOING THE SAME. ROGERS

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